

John Forsyth to Andrew Jackson, February 28, 1835, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

THE SECRETARY OF STATE (JOHN FORSYTH) TO JACKSON.¹

¹ John Forsyth was Secretary of State 1834–1841.

Department of State, Washington, February 28, 1835.

The Secretary of State has the honor to report to the president, that Mr. Pageot called at the Department this morning, to protest verbally against the publication of Mr. Livingston's letters to the Department, communicated with the president's last message to Congress, as a violation of the respect due from Government to Government. At the request of the Secretary of State, Mr. Pageot² marked the passages which he deemed most exceptionable; and, for the president's information, copies of them are annexed. Mr. Pageot informed the Secretary, at the same time, that he had not presented his protest in writing, as it was not made in pursuance of any authority from the French Government, but under his own sense of duty. Mr. Pageot said he asked for no explanation; but he was nevertheless informed by the Secretary that no foreign Government had any right to complain of any communication made between the Executive and the legislative branches of this Government.

² See Memorandum respecting Pageot, Nov. 15, 1836 (p. 436, *post*).

Respectfully submitted,